

House Resolution No. 1349

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened to learn of the death of one of the Show-Me State's most illustrious citizens, Fred R. Douglas of Charleston; and

Whereas, the son of Clarence and Elizabeth Douglas, Fred Douglas enjoyed a childhood which was filled with all manner of rewarding and educational experiences, including his studies at Lincoln School; and

Whereas, after completing his formal education, Fred Douglas moved to Chicago where he worked for the railroad and then became a truck driver who would eventually own his own trucking company in partnership with his son, Fred Douglas, Jr.; and

Whereas, in the year 2000 Fred Douglas fulfilled a longstanding promise to his mother to move back home to Charleston where he involved himself in the local business community through the ownership and operation of D&C Car Wash; and

Whereas, universally praised for his ability to detail cars and do minor mechanic work, Fred Douglas developed and maintained an exceptional reputation for his volunteer work with the troubled youth participants of the Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center; and

Whereas, Fred Douglas also turned his time and energy to the young men of the community who were released from prison and on probation, many of whom looked upon him as a true father figure; and

Whereas, Fred Douglas had a heart of gold which prompted him always to address the problems of others with astute advice, wisdom, knowledge, a willingness to talk, and the ability to teach needed skills:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of Fred Douglas and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to all of those family members, friends, colleagues, and neighbors who now miss his exceptional warmth and light in their daily lives; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Fred R. Douglas of Charleston, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Lanie G. Black, III
District No. 161

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1349, adopted March 31, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker